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LOK SABHA

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CONFERENCE FOR FOOD PARKS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of State Ministers of Food Processing was held in November, 2004;

(b) if so, whether it was suggested that a food park should be set up in each Parliamentary Constituency;

(c) if so, whether Government has taken any step in implementing the recommendation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under its plan schemes, provides financial assistance for overall development of the Food Processing Industry including for setting up of Food Parks. The Ministry does not set up Food Parks on its own. The Ministry is encouraging setting up of at least one modern Food Processing Unit or a Food Park in every parliamentary constituency, based on the felt need of the area. Project proposals have been invited for availing financial assistance under the Ministry's plan schemes. So far, the Ministry has approved 49 Food Parks in various parts of the country for assistance.